#### BEFORE

### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

### SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2002-338-C - ORDER NO. 2005-686

**DECEMBER 6, 2005** 

IN RE:	Proceeding to Review Verizon South, Inc.'s	)	ORDER GRANTING
	Cost Methodology for Pricing of Unbundled	)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
	Network Elements.	)	VICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, on behalf of Verizon South, Inc. (Verizon) for Admission of Bruce D. Cohen to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Hamm petitions for Bruce D. Cohen to appear before the Commission as counsel for Verizon in the hearing for Docket No. 2002-338-C regarding the review of Verizon's cost methodology for pricing of unbundled network elements (UNEs).

Mr. Cohen serves as in-house counsel for Verizon Communications Inc. located at 600 Hidden Ridge Drive, Irving, Texas, and is a member in good standing of the bar of Texas, according to the certificate attached to the application. Additionally, Mr. Cohen has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Cohen is Steven W. Hamm of Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A., 1600 Marion Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of Bruce D. Cohen has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Cohen meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2002-338-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Bruce D. Cohen, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the Texas and through Motion of local counsel, Bruce D. Cohen has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2002-338-C.
- 2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.
  - 3. Mr. Cohen has associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

## **ORDER**

The Motion of Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Bruce D. Cohen, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2002-338-C is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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